

BY BAPTISTS —

Vatican Study To Be Welcome

WASHINGTON (BP) — A world Baptist leader has welcomed announcement that the next session of the Vatican Council will consider a proposal "to proclaim the Catholic Church's belief in freedom of conscience and worship."

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the proposed document may lead the Catholic Church in the direction of the "position on religious liberty which Baptists have cherished and championed throughout their history."

Nordenhaug's reference was to an announcement by Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican secretariat for promoting Christian unity. The document is said to set forth "the right of each to follow his conscience and worship as he chooses without interference." It will be presented to the Second Vatican Council when it reconvenes in September.

The Baptist leader has written Msgr. J. G. M. Willebrands,

secretary of the secretariat for promoting Christian unity, of his interest in plans for consideration of the document.

"May I respectfully express the hope that the action on this document by the council may serve to further religious freedom everywhere and set forth the meaning implied in the phrase 'without interference' with specific reference to religious minorities in every land," Nordenhaug said.

Welcomes Declaration

He wrote: "I also welcome the declaration by Cardinal Bea that religious wars of the past were another error of the misunderstood love of truth in which men tried to impose by force and in the name of truth certain convictions on other men, forgetting the no less fundamental value of the love of truth — man's freedom: his right to dispose freely of his own destiny according to his own conscience."

Nordenhaug's letter to the Vatican continued:

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Hobbs Asks Prayer For Japan Revival

By Roy Jennings

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — H. H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, called on all Southern Baptists to conduct a special prayer period the night of March 27 for the success of a nation-wide evangelistic crusade in Japan.

The plea for Southern Baptist support followed a prayer emphasis on the evangelistic project by Baptist men as part of Baptist Men's Day observances January 27 throughout the Convention.

Hobbs said he hoped all 32,000 Southern Baptist churches would devote the entire Wednesday night prayer service for this crusade known as the Japanese New Life Movement.

"Actually, we should begin praying now for this crusade and climax our efforts on this special night," Hobbs said.

More than 150 teams of

Southern Baptist pastors and laymen will take part in the crusade, which opens March 30 and continues through May 5. They will preach and witness in 150 Baptist churches and missions. The population of Japan is almost 100 million. Only 600,000, much less than one per cent, are Christian.

Vital Undertaking

In asking for Southern Baptist support of the crusade, Hobbs described the movement as "one of the most vital undertakings of Southern Baptists in this generation.

"I'm convinced that if we could take Japan for Christ, Japan will win Southeast Asia to Christianity. This area has perhaps the most dense population in the world," Hobbs said.

The leader of 10 million Southern Baptists said he's beginning to see in Baptists' missions strategy that a small

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S.C. BAPTISTS CALL FOR "NO VIOLENCE"

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Baptists and other Christian leaders in South Carolina have taken a prominent role in preparation for orderly desegregation this week as the first Negro student is admitted to one of the state's all-white colleges.

Calls for "no violence" when Harvey Gantt is admitted to Clemson College have been issued, according to Rev. Howard G. McClain of the state's Inter-Church Christian Action Council, by several inter-denominational groups in which Baptist leaders have been involved as well as by the Baptist Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee.

Dr. Horace Hammett, general secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, was one of the ten denominational executive leaders who yesterday issued a call that the state "not...be disgraced by violence" as Harvey Gantt becomes the first Negro to enroll in a traditionally "white" college in the state next week.

When Chief Justice Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court "denied" a stay in the case on Monday, the last legal barrier to Clemson College's admission of Gantt was overcome.

Plan Graham 'Pavilion' At World's Fair

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Agreement to construct a "Billy Graham Pavilion" on a site provided by the New York World's Fair Corporation in Flushing Meadow Park was disclosed today by George M. Wilson, executive vice president of

"It is our duty by this law of love of God and neighbor to avoid every form of violence and hatred in our relations among ourselves," the statement said, and "to use peaceable means to reach conclusion founded on justice and order and the universal law of Christian love."

Our spiritual leaders who signed the statement included Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Methodist; Dr. Karl W. Kinard, Lutheran; Bishop C. Alfred Cole and Bishop Gray Temple, Episcopalian; Bishop Francis Reh, Catholic; Rev. Otto Stucki, Nazarene; Rev. Arthur Martin, Presbyterian; Dr. Arthur Rogers, Associate Reformed Presbyterian; and Rev. Ira Crewdson, Christian Churches (Disciples).

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THE SHANTUNG REVIVAL —

Holy Spirit's Operation

By Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby
(Fourth in a Series)

Repentance and confession of sin is not an end in itself. Rather it is the evidence of the Spirit's working with a human instrument for a definite object in view: the preparation of a life for salvation and service. The Author and senior Partner is the Holy Spirit. The very desire that Christians feel for a divine Visitation is from above. The broken heart, the revelation of wrong within, the strength to seek forgiveness are all from His grace. The Spirit intercedes with us and through us for that which is according to the will of God. It is the identification of God and the Christian in carrying out the divine plan. Wherever he finds a willing heart, a partaker of His suffering, He starts moving outward for the achievement of

His purpose.

There is a close and direct relationship between an Awakening and the Holy Spirit. Every Revival that comes brings a new upsurge of interest in the divine Paraclete. God Himself seems to impress the mind with the need of understanding and appropriation of the Spirit. One missionary in the Shantung Revival declared: "This prayer led to an intensive study of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. The passages referring to Him were read over and over again. In the I used to repeat them in my sleep and wake up doing so."

A few years before this time, Jonathan Gresham had a similar experience, and his testimony was valuable in the Awakening.

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N.C. Takes On Two Issues

RALEIGH (BP) — The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has taken on two issues left by the 1962 annual session.

The board's executive committee must study the "tensions existing between Wake Forest College and the Convention." Wake Forest, located in Winston-Salem, is a convention college.

The committee has on referral also the Church Personnel Placement Service. This plan, brought to the 1962 convention, passed by a slim margin, but was then handed back for further study.

The general board changed the site of the 1964 state convention from Charlotte to Greensboro. This was done to

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WMU Reaffirms Trust Agreement

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The executive board of Woman's Missionary Union has reaffirmed the trust agreement made with the Southern Baptist Foundation in 1957 whereby the income from the W.M.U. Training School endowment would be made available to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work or its "legal successor" under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. R. E. Mathis, president, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, were authorized by the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union in its annual session on January 19 to announce that the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, by the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, causes the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to be merged into the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in such form that Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the surviving corporation, the consent of this board is hereby given to the receipt by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of the income from the endowment and various trust funds now being administered by Southern Baptist Foundation as trustee for the benefit of Carver School of Missions and Social Work; provided that the seminary uses such income in conformity with the requirements of the trust agreement by and between the Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Foundation. This resolution shall not be construed to authorize any substitution of the trustee administering the truths nor shall it have the effect of amending the trust agreement in any way."

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IF MY PEOPLE... PRAY



Week Of Prayer Set

BLIND BOY FINISHED 'BRaille READING' OF ENTIRE BIBLE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) — Reports on the number of people who read the Bible through in 1962 as part of denomination-wide emphasis have flooded the national headquarters of the Evangelical Free Church of America in suburban Richfield.

None carried the impact of one from Roy Manley, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Roy, 9, is blind and he completed the task in eight months, not the 12 planned by sighted persons.

He did his reading on an 18-volume Braille Bible given to him through his church by the American Bible Society.

Recently, Roy shared the pulpit with his pastor to tell the congregation what the project had done for his spiritual life.

D.C. Skyscraper Plan Stirs Angry Protest

By Gaylord Briley
POAU Promotion Director

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Record High Circulation

This week's circulation of the Baptist Record totals 26,000, an all-time record high.

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Brewery Erection Opposed

FORT WORTH (BP) — Construction has begun on a \$10 million brewery here which is located "just about within smelling distance of Southwest Baptist Seminary."

The three-story brewery, to be operated by Carling Brewery Co., will have a 300,000 barrel yearly capacity and will provide Black Label, Stag, and Heidelberg beers and Red Cap ale for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado.

Opposition to the brewery is still running high, especially among Baptist people who live in the area, said Cal Guy, opposition leader and professor of Missions at the Seminary.

An appeal to the State Supreme Court has been filed asking for a ruling that would allow a local option liquor election in the precinct, but the high court has not yet elected to review the case, but a decision is expected soon.

Both district and appellate courts had ruled that there can be only one election a year calling for prohibition of liquor sales. The appeal to the Supreme Court asks for a reversal of the ruling.

Claims Denial of Rights

The verdict of the trial court held that the 'wets' have freedom to call elections as many as six times within the year providing they change the issue each time, but the 'dry's' can call only one election," said Professor Guy.

Both sides are awaiting presentation of both sides in the Fort Worth news media, denial of equal standing before the law in calling the elections, and a denial of the voting rights of qualified citizens."

State Man To Be N.O. Speaker

NEW ORLEANS — Charles W. Whitten, a Southern Baptist representative in Spain, will be the second Missionary Day speaker of the academic year at New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 6.

Whitten transferred to Spain in 1953 after a five-year term of service in Argentina, where he did evangelistic work in Mendoza, Stana Fe and Buenos Aires provinces and headed the Old Testament Department of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Barcelona, and was interim president of the seminary on several occasions.

A native of Weir, Miss., Whitten received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi

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THE BAPTIST IMAGE OFTEN SEEMS FUZZY

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists must apply their principles to modern life to give other people a clear picture of the denomination.

In the viewer of general public opinion, Southern Baptists now give a split image on the race issue. This mars the image Baptists from America have on the mission fields abroad.

On church-state issues, non-Baptists sometimes see Baptists as selfish. Baptists appear narrow-minded, unconcerned about the improvement of mankind.

These comments came from a three-member panel at The annual (Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association Workshop here.

W. Barry Garrett of Washington, touching the church-state issue, observed:

A high person—unnamed—

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JAPANESE PRAYER LIST—H. H. Hobbs (center), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, studies the prayer lists of two leaders in the Japanese New Life Movement, Sueo Kitahara (left), and Nobuo Watanabe. Later he designated Wednesday night, March 27, as the time for all Southern Baptists to climax their prayer program for the success of the evangelistic crusade in Japan.—(BP Photo)

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make possible a joint meeting in 1964 with the Negro Baptists of North Carolina.

The two will hold a combined afternoon session in 1964 as part of the Baptist Jubilee year observance. North Carolina believes it is the first state group in the Southern Baptist Convention to hold a joint session with a state Negro Baptist convention.

The board also approved a study of how white Baptists might financially assist Shaw University here, a Baptist college for Negroes.

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"These statements seem to approach a position on religious liberty similar to that which Baptists have cherished and championed throughout their history. The Baptist World Alliance has made numerous statements on religious liberty through the years. . . .

"Baptists believe that religious liberty is a God-given right that cannot be encased within an institution. Man must be free to respond to the grace of God in Jesus Christ. He must be free to interpret truth according to the light of his conscience without interference by the state, the church, or any human agency. God has the sovereign right to deal directly with man through his mind and conscience. Since we believe this, we hold 'tolerance' to be inadequate, because it requires an answer to the question: Who has the right to tolerate whom?"

Nordenhaug reminded Msgr. Willebrands that while the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee meeting in Oslo last August voted not to encourage an invitation to the council, it unanimously expressed "the sincere hope that the Vatican Council will contribute to an increasing understanding of the will of God and the unity of the people."

"A pronouncement by the council on religious liberty based on Cardinal Bea's statements with ensuing implementation in every country through the channels available to the Roman Catholic Church would serve, I believe, to increase understanding of the will of God and the unity of his people," Nordenhaug concluded.

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The State Convention's "Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee" issued a related statement on the same day that Chief Justice Warren denied a further delay in the admission of Ganf.

Dr. John Murdock of Greenwood, chairman of the committee, released a three-point "consensus" on behalf of all ten members which emphasized: (1) "We heartily commend the public officials of our state for their wise and consistent efforts to preserve order. . . . we express the hope and prayer that bitterness and violence of every form may be avoided." (2) "Urge that the public schools be kept open and that every effort be made to prevent the interruption of normal educational processes"; and (3) "It is important that we maintain clear, candid, and sympathetic communications in all areas of our public life during these critical days."

A "Philemon-like" statement on South Carolina's racial "crisis," issued by 121 Christian white minister of 13 denominations in the Columbia area last Sunday, was signed by 18 Baptist pastors and denominational workers who live in the state's capital city.

"As Christians, we must be found in the ranks of those who lead our city and state," the pronouncement stated, "in orderly obedience, in justice, and brotherhood."

"Christians of our beloved state are presently being confronted with opportunities to witness to their affirmation that all citizens be given equality of opportunity, it pointed out for full development of their capacities as children of God" in such areas as education and employment.

1st, Water Valley Calls Music-Youth Director

First Church, Water Valley on January 13 called Davis Lynn Hicks to assist with the music and work with the youth of the church. Mr. Hicks will begin his work February 1, according to Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor.

David Lynn, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Hicks of Waynesboro, is a senior in the University of Mississippi. A member of the Sigma Nu Social Fraternity, the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Fraternity, the Phi Kappa Phi National Scholastic Fraternity, the Phi Eta Sigma National Scholastic Fraternity and the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Music Fraternity, he has been for four years a member of the University Concert Singers. He is a highly accomplished soloist and musician. Though majoring in mathematics, he intends to do graduate work in the field of music.

David Lynn served for some time as interim minister of music for First Church, Oxford.

New church construction during September was \$6 million, which equaled the record for the month established a year ago.

Holy Spirit's . . .

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Mrs. Goforth says: "As the days passed Mr. Goforth became more and more absorbed in his intensive study of the Holy Spirit. He gave himself to this work, rising before six sometimes five, in order to get unbroken time with his Bible. He explained, 'I feel like one who has tapped a mine of wealth. It is so wonderful. Oh, if I could only get others to see it!' Goforth bought a Chinese Bible with wide margins and wrote notes on his findings. It was these that God used to revive parts of China, messages on the blessed Spirit.

When the missionaries of the Shantung Providence began to feel a hunger for an Awakening, they started to study anew the third Person of the Trinity.

There was a quickened interest in the book of Acts of divine origin. One of the missionaries was to teach about the Holy Spirit in school and spent the summer in serious preparation. She came to the conclusion that she herself had power before instructing others.

Miss Crawford relates:

From September 1931 to June 1932, at least twenty-four missionaries and many Chinese leaders had had a definite experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and were rejoicing all through the year as they saw new light and life coming into the churches. The summary in the three letters is but a meager account of what happened during the year.

For results let us see notes from the 1932 Annual Report of the North China Mission Schools Blessed.

Schools—"In the Revival here in Hwanghsien last spring the N. China Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible School came in for a great blessing. Everyone of the faculty got a distinct blessing, and nearly everyone of them was filled with the Holy Spirit. It has made a new school."

Evangelistic Work—"It is a new day for us. Every month or so, all the churches and outstations have had special revivals held by missionaries or special evangelists, and the results have been greater than many precious years put together. One blessed result of the outpouring of the Spirit is that He sends people to ask the Way."

Warren Memorial Hospital—"The hospital was mightily blessed during the spring. Many of the personnel were saved and some filled with the fulness of the Spirit."

Tsinan—"More people have been saved the past year than perhaps in any year in the history of the work here. The churches never have been on such a high plane spiritually as now. Practically all the preachers, teachers, Bible women and missionaries have had a blessed experience in the deeper things of the Holy Spirit, and have more real victory and power than they had ever known before."

One Heart and Mind

Tsinan—"Our people have become of one heart and mind in the Lord Jesus, as never before. We feel that the year has led us on to new spiritual heights."

Chefoo—"In place of having difficulty in finding teachers who would be willing to suffer the reproach of being called superstitious, we have had to refuse applicants to restaff the schools."

Pingtu—"God has been adding daily to the church. The general estimate is that three thousand souls have been saved this year. There have been about nine hundred baptisms and others waiting. The Acts of the Holy Spirit are being reacted in a remarkable way right here in our midst."

Laiyang City—"A year ago revival began in Laiyang City. For some time we had felt the great lack of spiritual power in our own individual as well as in the life of our churches. There was within a great spiritual hunger in the hearts of many. At the meeting above mentioned we claimed the promise in Luke 11:13 as our own, and our precious Lord answered in a most marvelous way. Never shall we forget that night when the fire fell! The little church was transmuted into a veritable Paradise, and we were transported into the heavenly realms, and caught a glimpse of their transcendent glory and splendor.

It is absolutely beyond the power of human tongue to express the sheer joy and rapture of this new, marvelous, intimate fellowship into which we were brought with the glorified Redeemer Himself. The atmosphere of the church became electrified with power from on high. Several persons who had been under deep conviction of sin were released that night and found peace at

the foot of the cross. Glory to God! On that night began the most powerful revival ever witnessed in that little church. During the following days of meeting scores of souls came under deep conviction."

Truth Became Known

The infilling of the Holy Spirit righted things at their roots, furnishing the right motive, the vision to understand and the strength to attain. The very essence of truth became known to the heart and not the mere terminology. The desire of the heart cooperated with the effort of hand and mind to achieve spiritual victories. All life flowed out from the central fountain freely, generously, naturally. No outer urging was necessary to get Christians to give. The Spirit of love guided in giving. No insistence of the pastors were needed to cause people to evangelize.

The Spirit of compassion impelled them to win souls. No semi-theatrical performance had to be staged as a drawing card to get church assistance. Their highest joy was to worship in spirit and truth. It was as natural as breathing. Praise and worship flowed from their hearts because in the very center of their being was the "well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Life ceased to be stilled, forced and unnatural, just playing a part or carrying out a performance. Confession and profession, truth and power blended into full maturity in the lives of the Christians.

As truly as Peter, James and John needed and appropriated the power of Pentecost so Christians of today must have the same resources if they

"come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the fullness of Christ. Paul understood this because he experienced not only Acts 9:6 but 9:17. . . . two distinct steps in the abundant life Jesus provided for him."

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provoked any comment, much less complaint from voters. But what the Vatican's agents want is a building taller than anything in town except the 555-foot Washington Monument.

Washington has no skyscrapers. Zoning regulations rigidly prohibit private structures taller than the capitol. Through the years, despite the pleas and promises of hotel men and apartment builders, the law has remained firm—no building taller than about 90 feet. The handsome new International Inn, Executive House and Daniel Webster Motor Hotel go only as high as the law allows: nine or ten stories.

Compromise Offered

Claiming that the project would otherwise not be profitable, Watergate's Backers have tried to go up as high as 150 feet. The current compromise calls for a limit of 130 feet on 25 per cent of the area, with the balance to be lower. What is de-emphasized in the publicity is that most of the remaining building area would still be taller than the nearby Lincoln Memorial.

The unexpected vigor of public protest has forced Watergate's agents to seek the help of new friends in America. They have decided to share the pie with American businessmen who can then be expected to help defend their common financial interest. This has been done by getting a loan of \$44 million from the John Hancock Insurance Company of Boston, Mass. What makes the mortgage unusual is that it comes after many months of repeated reports that the \$75 million Watergate project would be built without one cent of borrowed money.

Why the sudden reversal? This same Vatican corporation has enough cash in hand to finance its construction of the new Hilton hotel in Rome and three 51-story skyscrapers in Montreal. Obviously the support of U. S. financiers is being sought to "Americanize" the project.

Observers Puzzled

What puzzles Washington observers most is the report that Watergate Towne will include one office building. Since the zoning commission recently stipulated that these offices must be used by non-profit organizations only, observers

have tried to discover what particular groups would be interested in such quarters. Local candidates, of course, would be the many Roman Catholic agencies now in Washington. The possibility of Watergate Towne being a refuge for the Vatican in the event of war is remote, but has been repeatedly suggested.

To confuse opponents, Watergate's builders have thrown up a smokescreen of dummy



THE CHOIR OF the First Church of Waynesboro will participate in the program of the Evangelistic Conference Tuesday, February 5, at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. The selections the choir will render are "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet," and "The Great Commission," and will be under the direction of Curtis Hester, Minister of Music and Education. Pianist is Mrs. O. Waites. The pastor of the church, Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, is to speak the same evening, at 7:30 o'clock on the subject "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

Southern To Present Awards

To Leaders

Louisville (BP)—A Southern Baptist Convention leader will receive a service award this year from Southern Seminary here.

The award has been set up by the trustee executive committee and will be called the E. Y. Mullins service award. A second leadership award will go to a community leader and churchman in Louisville.

The Mullins award is in memory of the fourth president of the seminary. Mullins was president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1923 to 1928.

The Mullins award will be presented for the first time at a chapel service here in the late spring. The award to a local leader will be presented in the fall.

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Convention in regard to its action in 1962 (see SBC annual, page 72) regarding the report from the trustees of Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Woman's Missionary Union in annual meeting, May 6-7, 1963, will vote on a proposed amendment to the by-laws of the union that refers to Carver School."

corporations. In simplified form, this is the actual structure of control: The Pope, in his capacity as ruler of Vatican City, has a major interest in Societa Generale Immobiliare, a 100-year-old Italian corporation. Created and controlled by Immobiliare is a U. S. front named Island Vista Corporation, which plans to do the actual construction of Watergate Towne, starting in the spring of 1963.

Certain officials, including White House assistants who have been forced to make some sort of reply to the thousands of protests, have blandly asserted that Island Vista Corporation is the builder. Replies are so phrased as not to deny the actual facts, but to ignore their existence. POAU has scores of such robotized letters from the White House in file, signed by presidential advisor on National Capital affairs, Charles A. Horsky.

Taxpayers Object

Most letterwriting taxpayers objected to the unnecessary relaxation of building height limitations for the benefit of a foreign-owned corporation, especially in the federal area of Washington.

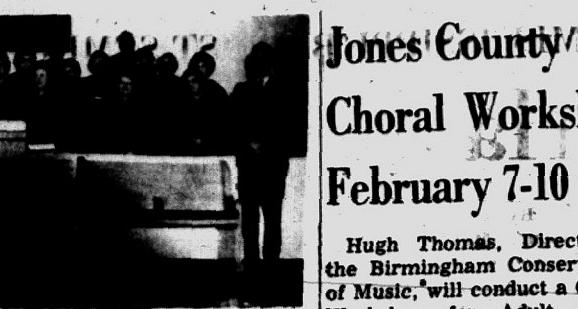
If the Vatican has enough loose money around to invest in American real estate, there is nothing unlawful about that. But it has no right, say these people, to expect special favors from our government.

On Capitol Hill, where there

is usually some responsiveness to the public will, the snow-storm of letters—7,000 to 10,000 at last report—has had an effect. Some 6,500 individual letters addressed to Senator Alan Bible, who heads the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, have been incorporated into the public record.

As such they must be considered by all government agencies involved in future dealings with the Watergate project.

Informants in both the House and Senate indicate that if the torrent of letters continues, there is still a chance to cut the Watergate Towne project down to size and preserve the glory of our capital skyline.



Week of Prayer . . .

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Persons of Special Need". The adult book, "The Chains Are Strong," as well as teaching helps, was written by Dr. W. C. Fields, a former Mississippian, but now Public Relations Secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

The other books are: for young people, "The Vacant Hearted"; for Intermediates, "Son of Israel"; for Juniors, "Butch Discovers America"; and Primaries, "The Happy House."

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College and the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southern Seminary.

Whitten's missionary address will be the second of three during the seminary year. Before the main address on Wednesday, New Orleans seminary students will also hear missionary emphases in the several state club meetings.

Dr. Williams "Doing Nicely"

Friends of Dr. E. C. Williams of Jackson will be interested in knowing that he is getting along quite well.

Dr. Williams, former state Sunday school secretary, now retired, suffered a severe heart attack in December, 1962.

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"against" rather than "in favor of." They object to things, but seldom offer their own solutions.

6. That Baptists take no initiative in the problems of the day.

7. That Baptists fail to explain their beliefs and the basis for them.

Garrett is associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

Committee Helps

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It Has A Staggering Scope

By
Anne Washburn McWilliams
In a few weeks, the Woman's Missionary Union will again be observing the Annie



Dr. William P. Davis

Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Mississippi Baptists have a real share in home missions as they "lend a helping hand" to the Negro Baptists in their own state.

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Its Ministry

Last year the Mississippi Baptist Seminary made it possible for 993 Negro preachers and 1726 Negro church and community leaders, a total of 2719 persons, to receive Christian training they might not otherwise have been able to obtain.

In 420 extension classes at 34 extension units over the state, men and women gathered to study, in a program based on the Bible.

Its Motto

Mississippi Baptist Seminary, owned and operated by the Mississippi Baptists (white) and National Baptists (Negro), has as its motto, "Mississippi for Christ." Incorporated as a Cooperative State Mission Adventure, the school has a 21-member Board of Trustees.

Its Missionaries

The seminary faculty members are men and women of training and experience. Thirteen teacher-missionaries serving the school are: Rev. Leon Bell, dean, Central Center, Jackson; Rev. T. B. Brown, academic dean, Jackson; Milton Bryant, dean, Southern Center, Brookhaven; Dr. W. P. Davis, President, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson; Gertrude Hart, Director of the Baptist Children's Center, Jackson; Rev. Ivory James, Shaw, teacher at Mound Bayou Center; Rev. Thomas L. Johnson, West Point, dean, West Point Center; Rev. Q. L. Jones, Jackson, teacher at Central Center; Rev. C. B. Lewis, Natchez, Dean of the Chapel and Bible teacher at Natchez College; Dr. Parks McKittrick, dean, Southeast Center, Hattiesburg; S. L. Richmond, Prentiss, Director of Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly; Dr. Leon Whitney, Jackson, Vice-President, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Rev. C. O. Inge, Meridian, dean of the Meridian Center.

Many of the teachers in the classroom centers work without a salary. They receive some travel expense and a small honorarium. The teachers are busy pastors and dedicated laymen who know the worth of the work.

Staff assistant Ellen W. Johnson, Jackson, has been with the Seminary for fourteen years.

The teacher-missionaries in 1962 piloted 2,057 people toward professions of faith in Christ. They recorded 859 additions to churches and 211 volunteers for full-time Christian work. They delivered 1,830 addresses and sermons. They conducted 330 Vacation Bible Schools, enrolling 19,823 children.

The missionaries held 156 institutes and clinics in 1962, enrolling 5,365 persons (62% of these were ministers.) They held 786 personal conferences and 202 group conferences.

Its Mark

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary has as its aim or objective — a full accredited seminary by 1970.

The seminary offers an opportunity to finish junior college and a Bachelor in Theology, or a Bachelor in Religious Education, in six years, at low cost. Courses of study provided are: Busy Pastors, English Bible, Bachelor in Theology.

Master in Theology, Doctor of Theology, Christian Training Certificate, Christian Training Diploma, Bachelor in Religious Education, and Master in Religious Education.

Much attention is devoted to good mental health, physical fitness, citizenship, family life, appreciation of beauty and the arts, wise use of leisure, and a respect for all people.

Fifty-nine graduated in May, 1962.

Its Money Matters

How is the seminary supported? By offerings from churches, associations, conventions, and individuals. Last year's budget was \$81,176.00, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sharing 40 per cent and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board sharing 60 per cent.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is seeking a million friends. Through the Million Friends Club, they hope to build a new Graduate Center, Baptist Student Center, new offices of administration, and a graduate library on property already purchased at 3185 Lynch Street, Jackson. The seminary's headquarters building



DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS, president of the Seminary, is seen with a group of graduates during a recent commencement service.



PRESENT HEADQUARTERS of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, on Parish Street in Jackson.



THE SOUTHEAST CENTER of the Seminary at Hattiesburg.



SOPHIA SUTTON BEGLEY MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, at Prentiss. Inset shows Mrs. Begley, who contributed the land on which the auditorium and assembly are located.

on Parish Street in Jackson is not adequate—the new Center is badly needed. One thousand people have already joined the Million Friends Club in the 18 months since its organization. One dollar buys a year's membership in the Million Friends Club. Gifts may be sent to Million Friends Club, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

Its Men of Vision

Dr. Herbert Lang was the dreamer who first envisioned the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He called it "The Great Adventure." The school was a product of Lang's deep longing for his own Negro race in Mississippi to have a chance to study the Bible and to train in Christian leadership. Through his untiring, unflinching efforts, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary came into being. Herbert Lang became its first president.

Dr. W. A. Keel was the second president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He served following Dr. Lang's death in 1956, until his own retirement in 1959. Under his direction, Sophia Sutton Assembly was begun. Dr. Keel now lives in Memphis.

Dr. William P. Davis is the third president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Dr. Davis is a missionary-minded man who has a big heart and a compassion for souls. Licensed to preach at 14 and ordained at 16, he has been in the Lord's service most of his life — as pastor, chaplain, and denominational worker.

In August, 1957, he became Director of the Department of Negro Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and in 1958 he also became president of the seminary. His office is in the Baptist Building in Jackson. Mrs. Forrest Gullette is his secretary.

While chaplain in the U. S. Army, Davis baptized seven men in a service one day on the atoll of Ulithi off the island of Moy Moy in the South Pacific. These seven men represented four different nationalities. Here was a concrete example of Dr. Davis' desire to witness to men of all races and nations.

Dr. S. Leon Whitney, vice-president of the seminary, describes the school as "wholly a work of faith."

Rev. T. B. Brown, academic dean of the seminary, wrote: "To be a teacher or a student in Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a great trust from God. It is a trust to teach some of the 40,840 people in Mississippi who have had no schooling to read and write. (Literacy Workshops are a part of the seminary program.) It is a trust to help many of the 160,015 people in Mississippi who have had from one to four years of schooling to improve their reading and writing ability. It is a trust to train pastors and leaders to grow better churches and reach the lost sinner with the Gospel. It is a trust to save Mississippi for Christ."

Its Memoirs

Mississippi Baptist Seminary was twenty years old December 31, 1962.

Without visible financial support, Dr. Herbert L. Lang began in 1942 to organize and teach extension classes for Negro preachers and Christian leaders.

Many nights he slept in fields, under bridges, in depots and bus stations. He traveled thousands of miles by bus and train and on foot for "The Great Adventure."

His work won him friends in Mississippi and in other states, among Southern Baptists and among National Baptists. Dr. Noble Y. Beall, Director of Negro Work of the Home Mission Board, SBC, secured financial help for Dr. Lang. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Dr. G. Norman Price, Dr. J. D. Ray, J. D. Davis, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, and Dr. D. A. McCall led the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to make a contribution to the Great Commission.

Negroes are praying. Their prayer is, give us leaders, trained and dedicated.

My first extension class was in Magnolia in 1940. At three o'clock one morning I got off the bus some distance from a small store. I had come from New Orleans to work in Pike County as a teacher of extension classes. I had my brief case and a box of books. The books weighed about fifty pounds. I was bringing the books for students to use in my classes. The weather was cold and gloomy. Nobody had remembered to meet me, as had been arranged. So there I stood, with fifty pounds of books and a brief case. What could I do? I decided to do the one thing I had done many,

acres for this assembly that was founded by Dr. Wm. A. Keel while he was president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Activities begin at the Assembly in June and run through August. Special programs are held there on the third Sunday afternoon in every month.

4. Baptist Student Work is done in nine Negro Colleges: 377 young preachers and 187 mission volunteers were reported among the 1231 National Baptists enrolled in these college classes last year.

5. Scholarship aid is given worthy young preachers and mission volunteers and other young people dedicated to full-time Christian vocations.

6. Teacher-missionaries are serving as teachers of seminary classes, Bible institutes, and as principals of Vacation Bible Schools.

7. Day nurseries. The Baptist Children's Center in Hinds County is one of the best of its kind in the state and perhaps in the nation. Superintendent Gertrude Hart is doing a splendid job. This work is supported by the Hinds County Baptist Association and the Department of Negro Work of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. Davis challenges: "Mississippi Baptists cannot be indifferent to the command of Christ in the Great Commission. We are called to act where we are in ways that witness to a faith that Christ is more important to us than life, to a faith that compels us to do mission work in our community, to a faith that puts Christ first in every thought, word, and deed, to a faith that sees people as they are and

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Its Message

The Department of Negro Work strives to impart the message of Christ in these major ways:

1. Evangelistic conferences that teach Negro preachers and other church leaders how lost sinners are saved.
2. Mississippi Baptist Seminary teaching centers, extension classes, and Bible institutes.
3. Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly, eight miles west of Prentiss, which is reaching more people every year. Sophia Sutton Begley gave the 110 acres.

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When I get to Heaven I shall ask God to tell me how the Negro made it. I shall ask him to tell me how he used such ignorant leadership across the ages. I think He will say:

"That was all I had. I had to use it. I could not do otherwise. I had to use what the people gave me. They offered me the best they had."

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Mississippi Baptists, you just can't leave us in the gutter. We are your friends. We are your brothers in Christ. You've got to lift us up. Lift us up! Lift us up! Dear Christian friends, lift us up!

Through The Great Adventure you can help us. Give the school your money. Give the school your prayers. Give the school your love. Give the school your help. For God's sake help Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Put Mississippi Baptist Seminary in your heart.

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A Tremendous Program

The Mississippi Baptist Convention has an effective program of work with Negro Baptists. Perhaps there is no other state where there exists a finer relationship among the leaders of the white and Negro Baptist churches and conventions.

This issue of the Baptist Record carries a special report on the work of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, a phase of the work of the Negro Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. William P. Davis is the Secretary of this department, and president of the seminary.

One of the most pressing needs of the Negro race is for trained, educated spiritual leadership. It is in this area that Mississippi white Baptists are making their greatest contribution to the Negro race right now. They are joining with the Negro Baptist churches and conventions in providing education and specialized training for pastors and other church leaders. This is not a mere "study course" program, but an actual seminary system, with thoroughly trained faculty, broad curriculum, and expanding facilities. More than 2,500 persons are enrolled in the work this school year, and Mississippi Baptists will spend more than \$80,000.00 in this area during 1963.

The story of this institution is told on page three of this issue of the Record. It is a thrilling story of far-seeing vision, meager beginnings, faithful continuance, present day strength, and a promising future.

The seminary is just one phase of the tremendous program of cooperative effort with Negro Baptists that is carried on by the Negro Work Department of the Convention Board. In his report to the Convention in November, Dr. Davis stated that the Department "directs Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly (near Prentiss), Bible teaching in Colleges, Vacation Bible Schools, Baptist Student Work, Church Leadership Schools, Literacy Centers, Teacher-Missionaries, Summer Student Mission Work, Scholarship Aid, Million Friends Club and Baptist Kindergartens." Literally hundreds of thousands of Mississippi Negroes are touched directly or indirectly by this program.

The full story of what is being done and accomplished cannot be told in one feature article. It is simply too tremendous for that. We salute Dr. William P. Davis, and that host of Baptist leaders from both racial groups, who work with him in the program of his department. Such programs do not solve all of Mississippi's racial problems, but we are convinced that they make a definite contribution toward their solution. Certainly they are making a great contribution to Christian relationships between the groups.

The Evangelistic Conference

Hundreds of Mississippi Baptists will be making their way to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly next Monday for the annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, to be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week.

This is one of the most important meetings of the year for pastors and church leaders, because it deals with the very heart of our whole Baptist program—the winning of people to Jesus Christ.

The conference this year is doubly important for early reports indicate that Mississippi Baptists did not win as many persons to Christ in 1962 as in the previous year.

The director of evangelism promotion in Mississippi, Associate Executive Secretary Gordon Sansing, has provided an outstanding program for this year's conference.

Every pastor and other church leader who can attend should do so. It should mean greater zeal in witnessing and more souls won to Christ in 1963.

Why Respectable?

T. P. Chalker in Methodist Christian Advocate

The president of a group calling itself the National Council on Alcoholism, Inc., made a statement in December which aroused heated response across the nation. The provocative (or irritating) pronouncement of this gentleman, one R. Brinkley Smathers, ran like this:

"The public must come really to feel that it is no disgrace to become an alcoholic. If a doctor, or other knowledgeable person tells someone that he is suffering from alcoholism, the person must recognize he has a legitimate illness. He should react in a manner similar to a person who is told that the lump on his body is cancer." In other words, alcoholism is to be treated as "a disease as respectable as cancer or tuberculosis."

Just a minute, friend! A man doesn't choose to admit the T.B. bacillus into his lung nor the cancer virus into his body. He does choose to take alcohol into his body—and he keeps on choosing if he ends up as that one-out-of-fifteen drinkers who becomes the alcoholic. Respectable conduct involves respect for choice!

Also, remember this! It is not merely religious people who lose respect for the alcoholic—or, in street language, the "drunk"; it is more likely to be the drinking companions of the alcoholic themselves who turn on him in his weakness to dismiss him as a "lush" or a "skid row bum." The "social stigma" on such self-destruction does have its place.

Why should alcoholism be accorded the respect given those unfortunates who become chronically ill or disabled through no fault of their own? There is will, choice, decision, and responsibility involved in alcoholism. And choice is what makes a thing moral or immoral, hence respectable or otherwise. We can help the alcoholic only as he chooses to accept help!

Call it cruel if you will; call it unsympathetic and lacking in compassion if you must; as for this believer in abstinence and sobriety, the New Testament long ago cancelled any real respect for excessive drinking when it said, that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:10). If Paul could not consider drunkenness respectable, neither should we.—Copied from Alabama Baptist.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

A warm handshake, a friendly smile, an invitation, a verse of scripture, a prayer, a sincere expression of Christ-like love and caring—these are little things, but they will shine out like stars in the darkness to souls hungry for the touch of God in their lives.

They word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there.



PEACE ON EARTH—The majesty and beauty of nature is always greatest during the winter season.—(RNS Photo)

New Books

MILESTONES TO AMERICAN LIBERTY: THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC by Milton Meltzer (Crowell, 237 large pp., \$9.95)

A presentation of the 51 documents that form the basis of American freedom. Covers every important document related to freedom beginning with the Mayflower Compact. Included are official documents, addresses, papers, etc. Many are well known while others may not be so familiar. Included is a commentary explaining the meaning of each document, the text of the document, related photos, cartoons, prints of newspaper stories, etc. Will help the reader have a new understanding of the men, decisions, speeches, and other events which provided the freedom Americans know today.

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF FLIGHT by the Editors of American Heritage (Simon and Schuster—American Heritage Publishing Co., 416 pp., \$15.00)

A beautiful volume presenting man's dream of conquering space, and telling the step by step story of how he accomplished it. The first chap-

ter tells of the dreams of wings, flying carpets, chariots, etc. Photos and drawings are shown from ancient and more modern days, and the text tells of men's dreams and prophecies. Chapter two is the story of ballooning, an amazing record in itself. Chapter three tells of man's early efforts to find a way to fly, leading up to the Wright Brothers' invention of the first plane that flew by its own power. Chapter four depicts the development of planes in the early days while Chapter 5 tells the dramatic story of the part they played in World War I. Other chapters tell of flight coming of age in the twenties and thirties, its decisive role in World War II, and the developments in the past decade. There are hundreds of historic photographs and paintings, many in full color. This is literally an encyclopedia, a history, and a picture book combined. It will preserve a glorious period in man's history.

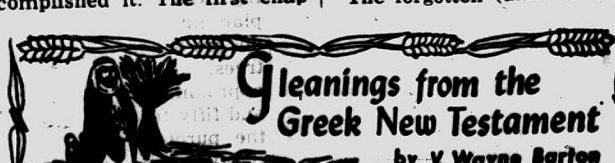
THE EPIC OF MAN by the Editors of Life (Time, Inc., 307 large pages, \$13.50)

The story of man. Sixteen chapters in three sections covering the Emergence of Man, the Coming of Civilization and the Living Societies of the past.

This is followed by a brief Epilogue on Modern Civilization. Sixty full color paintings, more than 300 color photographs, many maps, and more than 100,000 words of text. Scenes from early life of man; the beginnings of civilization; ancient civilizations and empires. The glories of Egypt, Phoenicia, Assyria, Greece, Italy, other areas of Europe and Asia. There is the story of the Maya, Aztecs, Inca and Indians in the Americas. There is much more, including some of the primitive groups in the world today. A beautiful and valuable volume for the study of the history of man. Some of the material is based on theory of evolution, but most of it on actual historical discoveries.

THE HORIZON BOOK OF LOST WORLDS by the Editors of Horizon Magazine (American Heritage—Doubleday, 431 large pp., \$17.95).

The forgotten (almost) civil-



Communicating With Questions

It isn't easy to ask questions and mean it. Rather it is much easier just to declare. To ask questions encourages the other fellow to think. Therefore, to ask questions is both difficult and dangerous. Dangerous, because he may think differently than you. Then you are threatened and get on the defensive. An argument ensues. Estrangement results.

However, we have good Biblical precedent for communicating in questions; don't we? Remember Jesus' familiar "What think ye?" Then count the questions in the little Epistle of James. According to Nestle's Greek text, there are twenty-one in all. Twenty-one is so short a letter! We Christians could call the question and answer method of learning "The method of James," rather than the older and secular "Socratic method," couldn't we?

James had a way of leading his readers to valid and logical conclusions while at one and the same time encouraging them to think for themselves. He often implied the answer to his question. This is not always obvious to the reader of the

English text. Take for example James 2:14: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works?" More literally, the question should read, "Faith can't save him, can it?" What is the implied answer? No! Watch it! You'd better think about that one awhile.

See what I mean about communicating in questions? What's wrong with a bit more of this sort of communicating from pulpit and lectern? Haven't we about worn out the imperative mood and seriously overworked the indicative? The witch hunters rule out the subjunctive. So that leaves only the interrogative. After all, what means of communicating is more compatible with our nature? Socrates, the "priesthood of the believer" than the delicate art of communicating in questions?

To ask a man a question and mean it is difficult and dangerous. But to do so courteously grants to the listener the freedom to think and to speak for himself. And what is more Baptist that that?

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
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CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Every Christian is related to the constituted government under which he lives (Rom. 13:1-7). And a good Christian will be a good citizen (Rom. 13:5ff.). Paul prided himself in his Roman citizenship, and availed himself of the protection granted thereby (Acts 22:25-29; cf. 21:39). Jesus, a member of a subjected people, obeyed the laws of Rome where they did not conflict with the law of God (Luke 23:4, 14; John 18:38; 19:4, 6). He repeatedly refused to lead in a rebellion against the Empire (Matt. 4:8-10; 26:52-53; John 6:15; Acts 1:6f.). He recognized the dual obligation which the Christian holds toward the State and God (Matt. 22:17ff.). Though His first allegiance was to His Father, yet He recognized the right of government (temple) to levy taxes, and submitted to it (Matt. 17:24ff.).

The Christian citizen is to be in the kingdom of God (Matt. 5:1-7). The Philippian church is called "a colony of heaven" (Phil. 3:20, Moffatt). Philippi was a Roman colony, enjoying certain privileges but bearing corresponding responsibilities. It was a little bit of Rome in a subjected area, whose manner of life was to create a desire in the conquered people to be Romans. As "a colony of heaven" Christians should live as to change a pagan society and by their manner of life to witness to the saving power of the gospel. Thus a genuine Christian citizenship is evangelism in shoes (Matt. 5:16).

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Gift of Tongues

QUESTION. Our pastor claims that he has had an experience of speaking in unknown tongues. He told this experience in the pulpit and severely criticized from the pulpit a deacon's wife because she had an ugly look on her face when he talked about this.

Some want the pastor to leave as they feel that this is not Baptist doctrine. Still another group support the pastor in this new doctrine.

Is it right for a minister to stay on as pastor of a Baptist church if he has gotten away from the doctrine?

ANSWER: There are two types of speaking in tongues referred to in the New Testament. In Acts there is the gift of "other tongues"—that is the ability to speak a foreign language without having learned it (See Acts 2:4, 11). First Corinthians 14 refers to some kind speaking in tongues that was addressed to God only.

This second, more like the present day speaking in tongues is most accurately described as non-sense sounds or syllables which, made concurrently with thought of praise within the person who utters the sounds are the result of a hysterical state of mind and no proof of divine inspiration. The same phenomenon can be produced under hypnosis in any willing subject who has heard or experienced the "speaking in tongues," and is a very simple imitative process.

A Baptist preacher who feels the need to indulge in this sort of experience ought to join one of the "tongue groups" and not accept Baptist money to undermine Baptist beliefs.

Anytime anyone will speak a present day language accurately without having studied it, I will believe God is backing him. Tell the deacon's wife to keep her "ugly look." (Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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How Do Churches Select A Pastor?

By James D. Duck

Clinton, Miss.

Ask the members of any Southern Baptist Church how they get a pastor and they will almost all say, "Through the leadership of the Holy Spirit." Ask the same ones how they know when the Holy Spirit leads one to them, and you will get many different answers.

What happens when a church finds itself without a pastor? In the majority of Baptist Churches the first step is to form a pulpit committee. There are several ways to do this. Sometimes the outgoing pastor appoints a committee. This is the least desirable way and should be avoided. Many times the deacons take it upon themselves to act as the pulpit committee. The most effective and the most common method is for the church to elect the committee.

Setting Requirements

Now ask the pulpit committee what they are looking for as they go out in search of a pastor. Again many different answers will be given. Each committee usually sets up certain requirements that a preacher must meet before he can be considered as pastor of their church. Let's examine some of the requirements and see if they are good or not.

Usually the first requirement is education. The small church will be satisfied with a college degree, while the larger churches require a seminary degree, or degrees. Then he must not be too old or too young. He must be a family man with a family—neither too small nor too large. He should have pastoral experience. His background must be completely beyond criticism, verified by a retail credit bureau inspection report. His financial condition must be without blemish regardless of circumstances. Then of course he must have a pleasing personality.

Education

Let's look at these requirements one at a time. First, consider education since it is usually the foremost requirement. When Jesus selected His apostles did He select those that had completed college and had a degree or degrees? No! On the contrary, Jesus selected some of the most uneducated men that could be found. How much education did it take to be a fisherman? They learned by doing. Some apostles may have had more education than others, judging by the type of work they were doing when

they were called. Studying the Bible concerning the calling of the apostles, there is no indication that Jesus sought out those with higher education. The argument has been put forth that there was no place to get higher education in those days. Of course that is not true. Paul was a very highly educated man. The only place in the scripture that clearly sets forth the requirements for a pastor, or preacher, is found in Paul's letter to Timothy. Even with the education that Paul had, he did not see fit to place it in the list of requirements.

This is in no way intended to condemn education or to say that it is of no importance. Every person aspiring to the office of pastor should get all of the education that he can, but there are many able men who cannot continue in college or seminary.

When searching for a pastor the pulpit committee would do well to ask itself if it should establish requirements that our Lord did not establish.

How Old?

Then there is the matter of his age. Of course his age, the size of his family and his pastoral experience are all tied together. It stands to reason that a young man will not have a very large family, if any at all, and he cannot have had much pastoral experience. The older the man is of course the more chance he has of having a large family and he probably has more experience in the pastorate.

Who is to say when a man is too old or too young? What criteria can be used? There is no precedent for age qualification in God's Word. Timothy must have been a young man when Paul wrote his letters that are made a part of our Bible. He told Timothy to let no man despise his youth. Abraham was an old man when God called him from his home in Ur. Apparently Timothy has no family, but Abraham must have had a large one. Abraham's family was not made up of children then, but those for whom he was responsible were many.

Experience

As for experience as pastor, it is getting more difficult to get that until he at least has completed college. Smaller rural churches that a few years ago would have wanted to know above all else what a man believed in, today want to know first what college did he graduate from. Experience

is necessary to do any job well, but somewhere the preacher has to be allowed to gain that experience by pastoring a church.

Now let's consider his background. Paul says, "A preacher must have a good report of them which are without; lest

he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

A preacher should so live that people cannot justly accuse him of things that would do harm to the work of God and to the work of His church. If the preacher is truly preaching the word of God there may be fingers of both, members and non-members, of the church pointing accusingly toward him, but the accusations will not necessarily be just.

When God calls a man to preach His word He "doesn't give him some special power to become perfect. All men make mistakes. All sin and come short of the glory of God. John tells us in I John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," and in I John 1:8, "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Now since the Bible applies to the preacher the same as it does to all other Christians, it would appear that those words apply to the preacher also. Certainly a preacher will commit sin while he is in this imperfect body of flesh and blood, but one that truly seeks to do the will of God will not let sin dominate his life.

The Christian Way

What would be the Christian way to find out something of his background? Is the retail credit and similar investigation agencies Christian in nature? Certainly they are not! These investigators ask questions of a man's neighbors, friends, business associates, and enemies. What they are told goes on the report. They do not investigate the statements for validity. Many investigators are men with no moral scruples and care not at all what they report. A friend of mine had pastored churches several years, but had left the pastorate and was back in school. While in school he was anxious to become active again in the pastorate. He was a very capable pastor, but could not get before a church. He even found difficulty in finding a secular job on occasion, but did not know what was hindering him. Certainly not his ability to do the job. Finally, he came upon a report on him from the retail credit bureau. It seemed accidental that he found that report, but I think it was the hand of God. To his amazement he found a very serious falsehood reported therein. It was no longer mysterious to him why he could not get before a church because the accusation was of such a serious nature that no one would want him as pastor. He was finally able to correct the report and is now actively engaged in the pastorate. The one concerned in such reports has no legal way of knowing his leadership.

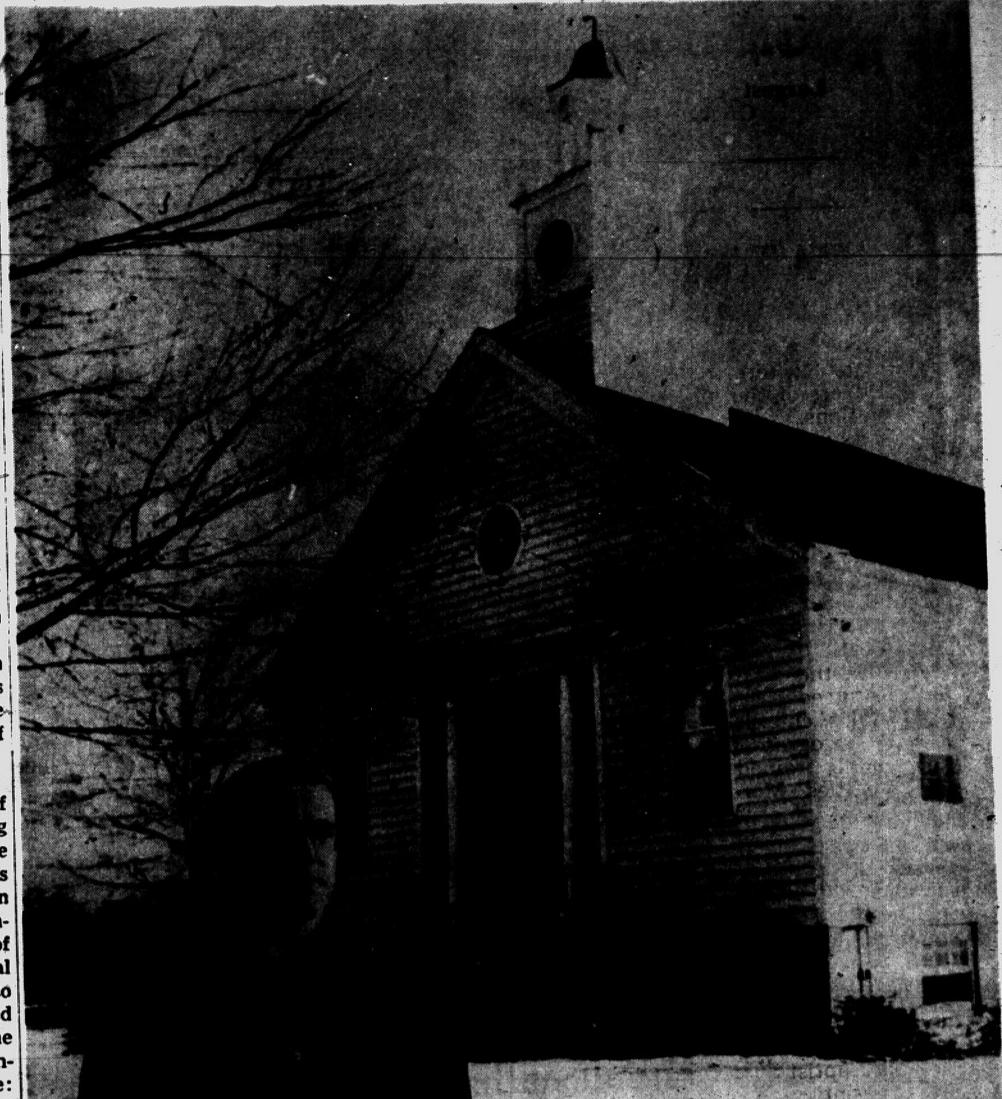
The Spirit Leads

If the church is truly following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and they have found a man, that after much prayer, they believe is the right man, then they should be willing to make any adjustments that are necessary. Too often the churches expect the preacher to do all the adjusting that must be done.

How does a Baptist church find a pastor? Thank God that most of them still follow God's leadership and allow God to lead them to His man, but it is alarming at the number that are setting forth their own requirements and are leaving God out of their consideration. How can we run ahead of God and still follow His leadership?

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CHURCH GIVES BUILDING FUND TO MISSION HOSPITAL CEDAR KNOLLS, N. J. — The Rev. A. Loy McGinnis and his 275-member congregation will continue to worship in the Hildale Park Park Presbyterian church (background) in Cedar Knolls, N. J., after giving their funds for a new church to build a wing on a mission hospital in Rio Verde, Brazil. The congregation raised \$18,000 toward replacing the white frame church that is too small for the present membership but decided the mission hospital needed the money more.—RNS Photo.

European Baptist Federation Plans Conference In 1964

STOCKHOLM (RNS) — The Third Conference of the European Baptist Federation will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Aug. 12-16, 1964, Dr. Erik Ruden of Stockholm, the federation's general secretary, announced here. He said the conference's theme will be: "Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life."

The six-day meeting, he said, will include reports and lectures on the religious situation of Christians in Europe, Bible study periods and mass rallies.

Evangelist Billy Graham has been invited to speak at two of the rallies, Dr. Ruden said; a reply from the famous American preacher is expected later.

The federation comprises more than 20 Baptist bodies in 21 European nations with a combined membership of some 1,200,000. Previous conferences were held at Berlin in 1958 and at Copenhagen in 1952.

CALLED TO COUNTY LINE

Rev. Richard A. Sowards has recently accepted the pastorate of County Line Church, Whitfield Community, Ovett.

For the past two years, Rev. Sowards pastored Emmanuel Church, Laurel. During this time a two-bedroom parsonage was constructed with a large fireplace in the living room.

The interior finishing was done by the men of the church.

There was also some interior construction on the church building with the addition of bathroom facilities and a combination dining — recreation room.

Extensive landscaping was completed with the planting of over one hundred dollars worth of shrubbery and trees, and the construction of approximately one hundred and fifty feet of sidewalk.

With the purchase of seventy-eight Baptist Hymnals, the church improvement program was completed.

Average attendance increased nearly forty per cent with an increase of nearly twenty-five percent in offerings over the two year period.

Parents who love God and live according to his will grow in their ability to give their children love.—Thelma Turner Ridwell in February HOME LIFE.

TOPS IN TALENT — A Show case of WORD Artists (Word, W-3190)

Fourteen selections from that many favorite Word Albums, featuring some of the greatest artists in the field of sacred music. Numbers by such well known musicians as Claude Rhea, Bill Mann, Frank Boggs, Organist Lew Charles, the Koreshan Orphans Choir and others. Includes such numbers as America the Beautiful, Beyond the Sunset, Sweet Hour of Prayer and Just when I need Him Most.

WEAPON OF PRAYER — The Louvin Brothers (Capitol T 1721)

Country music sung by Ira and Charlie Louvin accompanied by mandolin and guitar.

Most of these songs relate to experiences of soldiers, sailors and marines in World War II and the Korean War. Crestwood gave the Renfroes a silver casserole bowl and a silver tray, both engraved.

NEAR THE CROSS by Tennessee Ernie Ford (Capitol T 1065)

Another selection of the popular gospel hymns in the warm, reverent and powerful manner of the popular TV star. Ernie sings the old songs, and sings them as those who love them want them sung. Included are What a Friend We Have in Jesus, His Eye is On the Sparrow, Sweet Peace the

Gift of God's Love, and nine others.



Larry Grantham

Joins Staff At Daniel Memorial

Larry Grantham has joined the staff of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, (Dr. Allen Webb, pastor) as assistant to the pastor and activities director. He began his new duties officially on January 28.

A native of Hattiesburg, Mr. Grantham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Grantham of that city.

While he at Mississippi College, he was youth director at First Church, Mendenhall. Following his graduation from college, he served several months as youth director at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. From there he went to Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where he recently graduated (at mid-term).

While in Fort Worth he was for two years youth director at Calvary Avenue Church.

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The most effective way to teach love is in the home. Irma Russell Cross, a member of the Perry Home Life, has

Waste In Funerals

S. L. Morgan, Sr.,
Wake Forest, N. C.

When my tenant farmer's wife died 30 years ago fashion in fine funerals forced him to feel he must give her a fine funeral. So he mortgaged his only property, two mules; a casket and vault, cost \$750. "She was a good wife, and she is the last thing I can do for her."

When my precious wife died a year or so ago, with the consent of my children, I publicly registered my protest against the usual waste in funerals by limiting the cost to \$200, requesting "no flowers". My will directs that my own funeral cost "shall not exceed \$150." My mortician, not having one as cheap, took me to the city, to see the casket and assure me that one can be had for even less.

A Christian ex-congressman writes me, "My wife and son and I have gone a long step in the same direction; we have willed our eyes to the Eye Bank—to give sight to others at our death." I like that.

In vehement protest against the soaring cost of funerals I even considered willing my body to a medical college like the woman—subject to the consent of my children.

I called together the president and several members of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary to ask their opinion, with the aged senior Dr. W. R. Culom, 85. President Stealey said, "The protest ought to be made—I'm not sure about making it that way. Dr. Culom said, "I want my body to be honored when I die; I'd like for it to be wrapped in a sheet at least; I have no concern for it further."

Miss Barbara Cooke is president of the Central Region and will preside at Garaway. She is a member of the YWA at First Baptist, Jackson, and also serves as president of Hills Association YWA Council. Miss Cooke is employed in the state WMU office.

For 50 years I've been a crusader to free the poor from the slavery of custom of burdensome cost in funerals—the heathen notion that it is a virtue to keep the body from decay—a vain effort!

In "To Live Again" Mrs. Peter Marshall tells of being shown along the crypts in the

YWA HOUSEPARTIES

Presiding over all sessions of the three YWA Houseparties will be girls who serve as presidents of their respective regions.



Karen Curtin
Miss Karen Curtin, a member of the YWA at First Baptist Church, Laurel, is president of the Southern Region and will be presiding at Gulfshore. Miss Curtin is a student at Laurel High School.

YWA Focus Week

YWA Focus Week will be observed during the week of February 10-16. This is a time when the attention of the church is focused in a special way on Young Woman's Auxiliary. It is a time for enlisting new members and for strengthening the plan of work which is already being carried on in the YWA.

Suggested Focus Week activities are given in the January and February issues of The Window.

From June, 1961 to June, 1962, the number of jobs on the federal payroll increased by 62,633.



Sue Clayton
Miss Sue Clayton, of Fulton, is president of the Northern Region. A graduate of Itawamba Junior College, Miss Clayton is a student at Blue Mountain College.



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Calvary, Tupelo, Dedicates New Children's Building

Calvary church in Tupelo dedicated its new \$175,000.00 Children's Building in formal services Sunday afternoon, January 13. Assisting in the dedication of this new educational facility were Bryant M. Cummings, Secretary of the Sunday School Department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who spoke at the morning worship hour; and Kermit S. King, Secretary of the Training Union Department, who spoke at the evening worship service.

J. M. Thomas, Jr., chairman of the church's building committee, presided during the afternoon dedication service. He was assisted by Rev. W. L. Day, pastor; Edward Prather, minister of education, and

Frank Haley, chairman of the deacon body at Calvary. The church's adult and youth choirs under the direction of Paul Hancock, minister of music at Calvary sang the anthem "Praise ye the Lord of Hosts" by Saint-Saens.

Mr. Thomas says that Calvary's new facility is one of

the most modern and best equipped buildings of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention. Provisions have been made for six Nursery departments, four Beginner departments, Six Primary departments and one department for young adults.

Batesville Men Brave Sleet, Snow To Hear Layman From Columbia

First Church, Batesville, observed Sunday, January 20, as Men's Day instead of January 27. Mr. Guine Moore, a business and lay speaker from the First Church of Columbia, was visiting speaker.

The day began with a Men's Breakfast, prepared by the Brotherhood, in the dining room of the church at 7:30, with over 50 men present, although there was rain, sleet and snow falling. The auditorium and other services were filled during the day.

Mr. Moore brought some very timely messages and there were three additions by baptism, one addition by letter, and more than 75 decisions.

VBS Materials Catalog Ready

NASHVILLE—"The 1963 Vacation Bible School catalog of materials" has been released by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The catalog lists new materials including posters, posterettes, post cards, lapel buttons, pupils' and workers' certificates, and program folders.

The catalog is available upon request from Baptist book stores.

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Douglas Scott

New Staff Member First, Columbia

Douglas Scott of Greenville, South Carolina, has accepted the position as Director of Education, Music, and Youth at First Church, Columbia.

He will begin his duties late February. Mr. Scott plans to move his family to Columbia in the immediate future.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are both graduates of the Taylor University of Upland, Indiana. Mrs. Scott holds a graduate degree in biology in addition to one in sacred music.

Mr. Scott holds a graduate degree in Church Music from the Marshall College of Huntington, West Virginia.

The Scott's have two children, Mark, age 8, and Cheryl, age 2½.

Mr. Scott is nationally known as a musician, having worked in churches all over America, for nine years as an evangelistic singer.

Mr. Scott would be assisted by his wife in the promotion of the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. Brotherhood, and will conduct a fully graduated choir program among the children of the church as well as the youth and adults.

Rev. Howard Aultman is pastor of First Church.

Among the people who "flowed swiftly" through the English-language First Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last year were Canadians, British, Scots, Norwegians, Swiss, Australians, Latvians, Argentines, and North Americans from almost every state in the United States and stationed in almost every country in South America. Says Missionary Pastor Howard C. Knight, "We stay in one place while the congregation travels."

Oregon Trick—Take

\$3 And Make It \$5

NASHVILLE (BP)—Oregon Washington Baptists showed the rest of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1962 how to make a \$5 bill from three \$1 bills.

For every \$3 the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington sent to SBC agencies through the Cooperative Program in 1961, it sent almost \$5 during 1962.

The gain from \$17,696 to \$29,066 was 64.25 per cent, highest percentage of any of the 28 state Baptist groups cooper-

ating with the SBC.

At the same time, Oregon-Washington Baptists took every \$15 and made it \$20 in designated gifts to SBC agencies. They forwarded \$43,165 in 1962 against \$31,734 the year before—a gain of 36.02 per cent.

This was the second highest increase in percentage among the states in designated offerings for SBC agencies.

Michigan Leads

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan led in this category with a gain of 45.55 per cent. Its designations jumped from \$16,025 to \$23,324 from one year to the next.

In dollar amounts, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina led the Cooperative Program increase to the SBC. From 1961 to 1962, the increase was \$181,885 making the 1962 total reach \$1,551,885.

By the same token, the Baptist General Convention of Texas led the designations hike to SBC agencies. Its increase of \$350,500 led to a total of \$3,386,830.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio with 30.76 per cent increase was behind Oregon-Washington in the greatest percentage increase to SBC through the Cooperative Program. Its 1962 total was \$70,626.

BMC SLATES FOCUS WEEK

Blue Mountain College will observe Focus Week, February 18-22. The special theme of the important and traditional Focus Week is, "For What Is Your Life?"

General Chairman of Campus-wide arrangements is Barbara Jett-Moberly, Mo., Mississippi's student missionary to Hawaii for the summer of 1962. Other College students who will serve as Committee Chairmen are: Program Committee, Susan Wofford, Drew; Faculty, Miss Louann Mullis, in Teacher Education; Publicity, Martha Buchanan, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Classroom Visitation, Sue Clayton, Fulton; Seminar, Kay Peete, Miami, Fla.; Informal Discussion, Anita Lazebny, Water Valley; Hospitality, Harriet Wilson, Savannah, Ga.; Arrangements, Nancy Fann; Campus Operation, Toni Lee Parker, Laurel; Music, Dieder Brantley, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Books and Literature, Peggy Becker, Glenarm, Md.; and Evaluation, Dottie Graves, Louisville, Ky.

Visiting Focus Week Team Members are: Mr. Ed Seabough, Co-ordinator, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Allen Graves, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Earl Holloway, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. John McCall, Memphis, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and President of the Baptist Student Union Council during her senior year; Mrs. Robert Woody, Corsicana, Tex., a graduate of Blue Mountain College and President of the Student Government Association during her senior year; Dr. Robert Crouch, Asheville, N.C.; and Rev. Bill Caussey, Meridian.

Decatur trustees are expected to meet Feb. 14 to consider the invitation and to appoint committee members to study the possibility of relocating.

The two-year-junior college, founded in 1888, is now located 61 miles northwest of Dallas. Fall enrollment last year was about 210 students.

If the Decatur trustees approve the move, the proposal will come before the Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the 122-member Texas Baptist Executive Board, and the annual State Convention for final approval.

A home without love is a prison. A church without love is a mockery. — Mary Jane Tash in February HOME LIFE.

Decatur Baptist College Asked To Move To Dallas

DALLAS (BP)—Decatur Baptist College in Decatur, Tex., the world's oldest junior college, has been invited to move to Dallas to form the nucleus of the proposed Dallas Baptist University.

The invitation was extended by the board of trustees for Dallas Baptist University and the executive board of the Dallas Baptist Association.

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Church Music Department

ANNOUNCING—

Hymn Playing Festivals

Dates and Places

Monday, February 11—First Baptist Church, Natchez
Tuesday, February 12—First Baptist Church, Biloxi
Thursday, February 14—First Baptist Church, Laurel
Friday, February 15—First Baptist Church, Meridian
Tuesday, February 19—First Baptist Church, Leland
Monday, February 25—First Baptist Church, Louisville
Tuesday, February 26—First Baptist Church, New Albany
Thursday, February 28—Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale
Friday, March 1—First Baptist Church, Grenada
Monday, March 25—Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson

Information

- Schedule—
(a) Registration—5:45 p.m.
(b) Adjudication—6:00 p.m.
(c) Return pre-registration cards as soon as possible.
(d) Ages 16 years and six months.
- Rules—
(a) First playing—play as written.
(b) Second playing—play with leader and congregation while singing.
(c) Third playing—variation for offertory.
(d) Memorize hymn if possible.
(e) Indicate festival you expect to attend with pre-registration.

Special Emphasis

Don't miss it! If you do not have a registration card, send your registration on a post card or letter.

"TO SHARE CHRIST" is the theme for YWA Focus Week, February 10-16. This emphasis coincides with the theme for 1963 World Missions Year in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "Sharing Christ with the Whole World." YWA Focus Week serves to inform the church of YWA activities and to project the organization's missionary purpose. Special mission projects, publicity features, social features, and enlistment efforts are among the plans for the observance.

Mississippi Mud Causes Unusual Men's Day At Oak Grove, Smithdale

Oak Grove Church, Smithdale, participated in Baptist Men's Day, January 20. Special significance to the service was added when Hobson (Dick) Carraway brought the morning message. "Brother Dick" had just the week before surrendered to preach the gospel.

The surrender was an unusual experience for the young man, Dick Carraway, who had been wrestling with the decision for five years. However, on Sunday morning, January 13, Oak Grove Church was to observe the Lord's Supper, with the pastor traveling over the muddy Mississippi roads going to get the Communion Set from one of the deacons.

The pastor Rev. H. Page formerly a Florida boy, was not familiar with the "Mississippi Mud." He got stuck and did not return for the morning service on time.

Dick Carraway then took the situation in hand and led the congregation in songs until the pastor returned 40 minutes lat-

er. Rev. Williams then preached a 20-minute sermon and at the close gave the invitation, with Dick Carraway coming forward to give his life to Christ and His ministry.

"God works in mysterious ways," said Rev. Williams.

Other men taking part on the Men's Day program were Alfred Carraway, Collis Whittington, Hilton Finn, and Jess Carraway.

Young Elected

OKLAHOMA CITY—R. A. Young, Oklahoma City retail store executive and banker, was elected president of the board of directors of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Robert S. Kerr, according to Augie Henry, executive secretary treasurer.

Elected to the board to fill Kerr's unexpired term as a director, was Guy James, Oklahoma City contractor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CONVENES MARCH 11-12

The 1963 state Sunday School Convention will meet in Jackson at First Baptist Church, March 11-12. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., Monday, and adjourn Tuesday evening.

Majoring on the convention theme "The Sunday School and World Missions" a total of 22 age-group and general conferences will meet for four sessions involving five hours conference time.

LOOKING AHEAD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK
MARCH 3-10—Week of Prayer for Home Missions
MARCH 10—Home Mission Day in Sunday School
MARCH 11-12—Convention, First Jackson
APRIL 15, 16, 18, 19—State Elementary Workshops
APRIL 23-24—Church Building Conference—Gulfshore

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DEVOTIONAL Thanksgiving...And Peace

By W. Lowrey Compre, President
Clarke Memorial College

Peace and thanksgiving are often thought of together, and generally in this order — peace, then thanksgiving. Many of us remember vividly those exciting days of August, 1945 when after almost four years of the horrors of global war the surrender of Japan brought the conflict to an end and the news of peace was flashed around the world. There was a spontaneous turning of many hearts toward places of worship and people gathered to offer thanksgiving to God. Peace was a factor that produced thanksgiving.

As Paul wrote to his Christian friends at Philippi he pointed out a relationship between peace and thanksgiving in the reverse order — thanksgiving and peace, with thanksgiving as a factor in bringing peace to the heart.

"In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Thanksgiving is a healthy spiritual exercise. It sends into the bloodstream of the soul a magic medicine which combats the debilitating forces of self-pity and anxiety, that cause frustration and misery. Thanksgiving also releases positive forces that work to build spiritual health. So the heart is prepared as a fit place for the peace of God which moves in and stands guard as a sentinel, making the heart secure.

Paul himself had given a perfect illustration of this truth when he first served in Philippi years before. When he and Silas had been cruelly and viciously mistreated and thrust into the inner prison, they did not curse their fate or express hatred for their persecutors. Instead, they prayed and sang praises unto God — expressed their thanks — and in the dark midnight, before there came the miracle of the earthquake giving them physical freedom, they knew the inner security of the peace of God in their hearts. Now Paul commands to them and to us this magic formula: Thanksgiving, then peace."

The record was established in 1960 when building activity reached \$1,013,000,000. It fell back a little in 1961, then steadied and registered a small gain in 1962.

LAST WEEK completed the precampaign planning for the Forward Program of Church Finance at Calvary Church, Yaxoo City. Pictured above, Campaign Director Ed Marshall discusses plans with Committee Chairman Ralph Edwards and Leo Lewis. The Budget Planning Committee presented the \$31,000 budget for 1963 to the church for discussion on January 23 and for vote on January 27. Pastor Al Finch expected enthusiastic acceptance of the budget even though it represents a 19 per cent increase over last year's budget. Calvary Church has recently experienced growth in stewardship. Mission giving has doubled in the past two years and the church gave \$1200.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December.

1962 CHURCH CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATED AT \$994 MILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Church construction reached almost one billion dollars during 1962, the U. S. Census Bureau said here.

Construction put in place during December totaled an estimated \$85,000,000, equaling the "December, 1961 figure and bringing the 1962 total to a "tentative" \$994,000,000.

This is \$10,000,000 above the final estimate of \$984,000,000 made for 1961, but fell slightly short of earlier predictions for the year.

Government officials are predicting that church construction will again total about one billion dollars in 1963. If true, it will be the fourth consecu-

tive year in which churches have maintained this level of construction.

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Curbow Called To Mt. Olive

Rev. Howard Tissom Curbow resigned from the Oak Grove Church, Yazoo County, to accept a call as pastor of the Mt. Olive Church, Prentiss County.

Rev. Curbow, a senior at Mississippi College, is a native of Tupelo. He has also served as pastor of the Leaf River Church, Smith County.

Rev. Curbow is married to the former Faye Dickerson, also of Tupelo. They have three children, Steve, 14; Nancy, 11, and Clark, 2.

The Curbows moved on the church field January 18.

Southern Baptists will study during the first quarter of 1963 how they can minister to persons who have special needs.

The current Home Mission Graded Series is studied annually by Woman's Missionary Union organizations.

This year's books for every age level treat Southern Baptists' mission efforts among migrant laborers, deaf, downtown dwellers, Navajo Indians, juvenile delinquents, Jews, and forgotten people of society.

The development and "heart" of a mission center in the Nation's capital captures the adult reader's interest in *The Chains Are Strong* by W. C. Fields of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Fields has also delved into rescue mission work, Southern Baptists' work with migrant farm laborers, etc., etc.

Produced By Home Board

Young people will study *The Vacant Hearted* compiled by Kate Ellen Gruver of Atlanta.

A. Jase Jones of Kansas City has written *Son of Israel for Intermediates*. Butch Discovers America by William N. McElrath of Nashville is for Juniors, and *The Happy House* by Doris Curtis Tubbs of Baltimore is for the Primary age.

The mission study books are produced by the denomination's Home Mission Board.

The study of missions is preparatory to a week of prayer for missions in the United States, Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone in March during which the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is taken. The goal this year is \$3,310,000.

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Book Produced By Vietnam Mission

The first book produced by the new publication department of the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) was presented to the public by Rev. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., department head, on November 18.

The occasion was the organization of the first church (Grace Baptist, in Saigon) to grow out of the three-year-old mission program in the country.

The book is a Vietnamese translation of *These Things We Believe*, by Dr. J. Clyde Turner (Nashville: Convention Press, 1956). Work on the translation was begun more than a year ago by Missionaries Herman P. Hayes and William T. Robertson. After the publication department was established this past summer, it completed the translation and pro-

duced the book in a binding similar to that of the English edition.

Quarterlies Produced

The book sells at a price slightly above the cost of publication. "We hope it will have wide distribution through the many book stores of Vietnam," says Missionary Robert C. Davis, Jr.

"Also during the first five months, the publication department produced Sunday school quarterlies for two age groups, leaflets for preschool-age children, and several evangelistic and doctrinal tracts. Publica-

tion headquarters are in a rented building in the heart of Saigon.

Guyton Library Granted \$400

A grant of \$400 has been awarded to Guyton Library, Blue Mountain College, by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, it was announced recently by the ACRL Grants Committee.

The Grants Program this year was made possible by the following companies and corporation foundations: Kennecott Copper Corporation, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, National Biscuit Company, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Pitney-Bowes, Inc., Time, Inc., the United States Steel Foundation, Inc., and the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Inc.

The ACRL Grants Program was initiated in 1955 with a grant of \$30,000 from the U. S. Steel Foundation.

The Blue Mountain College library grant will be used for purchasing *The Dictionary of National Biography*, a twenty-two volume work, plus its supplements, and *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, a scholarly work of twenty volumes.

N.O. Professor's Father Dies

TAMPA — G. D. Leverett died at his home in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 24. He was 79. Leverett was the father of Miss Margaret Leverett, assistant professor of social work at New Orleans Seminary.

PEARLHAVEN LICENSES PREACHER

Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, licensed John William Smith to the gospel ministry on Sunday, January 20.

Deacon Virgil Stewart read the Scripture at the ordination service; Deacon Garland Allen led the prayer; Rev. Ralph Brady, pastor, provided special music; Rev. Max Dorr, Copiah-Lincoln Superintendent of Missions, voiced the benediction.

Mr. Smith, employee of Johnson's Superette, is married to the former Charlene Bracey of Brookhaven. They have four children: Beverly, 8; Kenneth, 6; Pamela, 2; and John, 3 months.

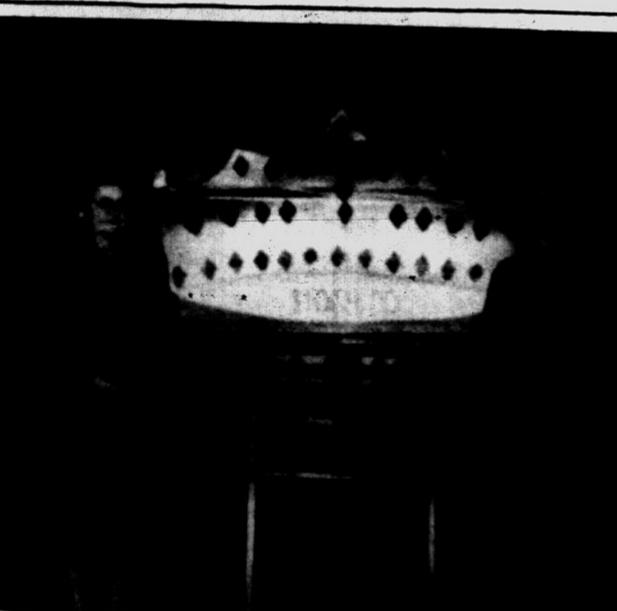
Mr. Smith is Training Union director and a Sunday school teacher at Pearlhaven Church. He has been doing mission work on Sunday afternoons at Rocky Hill Church in Copiah County. Rev. Ralph E. Brady, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, stated, "Mr. Smith's Sunday message was well delivered and resulted in one addition by letter."

PITTSBORO COMPLETES SANCTUARY

Pittsboro Church has completed its new sanctuary, which is decorated with white acoustic tile on the overhead ceiling, mint green walls set off with cherry walnut paneling. The building has recessed lighting and includes a choir loft, baptistry, and seating capacity for approximately 200.

Hardwood pews finished in natural color, will be given by members of the church and friends in memory of loved ones. A plaque will be placed on the ends of the pews with the complete name and inscription. "If you are a member of the church or a friend, and wish to have a pew placed in the new sanctuary in memory of someone, please let us know," requests Rev. John Olen McMullen, pastor.

The brick work will be completed as soon as weather permits, according to Pastor Mc-



GEORGETOWN CHURCH has increased its gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 500 per cent in four years!! The offering grew from \$159.00 in 1959 to \$335.00 in 1960 to \$701.00 in 1961 to a record-breaking \$1064.00 in 1962. (The 1962 goal was \$1000.) The offering this time was designed for use in Ecuador. Pictured above are Mrs. Charles Beasley, right, WMU treasurer, and Mrs. G. D. Purvis, WMU president. Rev. Frank W. Gunn, Sr. is the pastor.



King To Head Children's Home

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — T. H. King, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Frankfort, Ill., has been elected superintendent of the Illinois Baptist Children's Home.

He succeeds the late S. Otto Williams. The home is located in Carmi.

Preston M. Denton, of Rockford, area missionary in northern Illinois, has been elected city missionary for Southern Baptist work in Chicago. He follows William A. Powell, who joined the survey office of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in November.

New Zealand To Ask For Graham Crusade

AUCKLAND, New Zealand

BARRY LANDRUM was ordained to the ministry on December 17, 1962, at First Church, Laurel, Dr. T. R. McKibben, pastor. A graduate of Mississippi College, Barry attended Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, for a year and is now enrolled at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

KNOW THYSELF: THE NEW SELF by Constance Faith Norris (Exposition Press, 72 pp., \$3.00).

An invalid found strength and power in positive thinking. In this book she seeks to show the relationship between medicine, philosophy, and religion.

The evangelist, who went to Latin America in 1962, has scheduled 1963 crusades in Africa, the Far East and Europe, the world.—A. C. Benson

Carey Professor Earns Doctorate In Piano

John Sinclair, Associate Professor of Piano and Music History at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, has successfully completed his final examination for the Doctorate of Musical degree in piano. He is the ninth person to receive this relatively new degree, with emphasis on performing ability, from Indiana University.

The degree required eight recitals of music not previously performed by the candidate: four solo recitals, two concertos, and two chamber recitals.

The research requirement consisted of three scholarly documents, each drawn from a different period of music history. Dr. Sinclair wrote on the following subjects: "The Keyboard Works of Johann Froberger," "A Study of the Moschelos Etudes, Opus 70," and "The Style of Federico Mompou as a Composer for Piano." The three documents were bound in one volume.

Dr. Sinclair was born in Tyler, Texas. He received the Bachelor of Music Degree from Louisiana State University, the Diploma in Piano from Juilliard School of Music, and the Master of Music degree from Eastern School of Music. He joined the William Carey College faculty in September, 1961.

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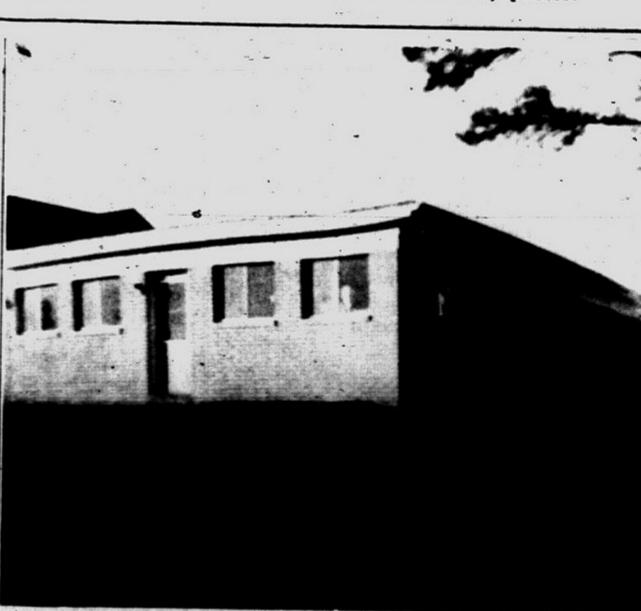
Focal point of the address was a discussion of the music composer who died in 1945.

Weber, with his teacher, Arnold, and Alben

Berg, founded what was considered perhaps the most radical school of Avant-Gard composers of the first half of the twentieth century.

Keeping up appearances is the most expensive thing in

the world.—A. C. Benson



LOCUST GROVE CHURCH, Union County, now occupies a new educational annex. The building, shown above, contains rooms for Primary, Beginner, and Nursery departments; Junior assembly; baptistry and bathrooms, and a fellowship hall. It was built at the cost of approximately \$15,000. The Building Committee were: Charlene Garrison, Joyce Young, J. C. Garrison, Walt Roberts, Clarence McDonald, J. D. McDonald, and Corbett Young. Rev. Howard L. Huey is pastor.

Mexico Baptists Using Radio-TV

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Baptists in Mexico are making great progress in extending their outreach through radio and television, said Dave Cheavens, director of public relations at Baylor University here after returning from a trip south of the border.

Cheavens, who gave four lectures on church public relations at a workshop in Mexico City sponsored by the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, praised Southern Baptist Missionary Roy L. Lyon for directing vital work in radio-television evangelism.

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DR. DAVID J. IRBY, pastor of Hollywood Church, Memphis, and a native of Mississippi, was awarded the Doctor of Theology degree at the midyear graduation exercises at New Orleans Seminary. A native of State Line, he studied at both Clark College and Mississippi

U. S. Air Force Academy, and was graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Irby is the daughter of Rev. R. C. Woodward of Hattiesburg.

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Chaplains' Meet Set For Seminary

A one-day Chaplains Conference will be held at New Orleans Seminary, February 7. Registration (no registration fee) will begin at 8:00 a. m. with the conferences and chapel services held during the day. Dinner will be at 6:00 p. m. in the seminary cafeteria and an inspirational message will close out the one-day conference at 7:45 p. m.

Conference leaders will be Leo Eddleman, George Herndon, John Price, Jr., Harold Rutledge, Frank Stagg of the seminary faculty and Myron Madden, of the Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

"Chaplains' Day" will be observed in the chapel service on this morning and Major General (Chaplain) Robert P. Taylor, USAF, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, will be the chapel speaker.

There are many Reserve Chaplains of the Army, Navy, Air Force, National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Civil Air Patrol living within this area and this conference has been planned for these pastor-chaplains.



REV. GARLAND MCINNIS, Pastor of Southside Church, H